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SUBJECT: VILLA DEVOTO PRISON RIOT

REF: STATE 068181; STATE 067771

1. THE FOLLOWING 46 NAMES OF PRISONERS WHO DIED DURING VILLA DEVOTO PRISON RIOT ON MARCH 14 HAVE BEEN RELEASED BY GOA AUTHORITIES. (FOURTEEN NAMES HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED, PENDING IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODIES.)  
GODOY, E. PLACIDO; STAGNARO, CARLOS ALBERTO; FRANCO, CRISTINO; OTERO, DANIEL JOSE; FLORES, RAMON JORGE; RAVANI, JOSE ANTONIO; FARIAS, DOMINGO CELESTINO; TURCZYN, JULIO OSVALDO; MENTA, PABLO DANIEL; KERRY, ARTURO; MATUS DIAZ, ALADINO ENRIQUE; AMBROSIO, LUIS ARMANDO; ARGUELLO, RAMON ANDRES; ESCOBAR, ROAM MARIO JESUS; GONZALEZ, MARTIN OSCAR; FRANCIA, MARIO RAUL; SALINAS, ARMANDO RUBEN; FERNANDEZ, JUAN JOSE; SOTO VERA, LUIS; CONSTANTE, JUAN ANGEL; ZORZOLI, CARLOS ALBERTO; CLOUSET, PEDRO ROQUE, BASALDELA, HUGO ALBERTO; GIAMBARDELA, JUAN CARLOS; JUAREZ, MARCELO RAUL; KARO, HECTOR JORGE; SOTTILE, RUBEN OSVALDO; RIVEROS, MIGUEL ANGEL, YANEZ AGUILERA, ARMANDO JUAN MIGUEL; VIEYRA, ANTONIO CELSO; CRECENTE, ROBERTO RAUL, MARTINEZ, JORGE OSCAR; MARTINEZ, JOSE LUIS; BARILARO, ALBERTO; TABAREZ, NILSYEKIS; HERNANDEZ MORENO, HECTOR DANIEL; BARSOLA,  
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HUGO DANIEL; CUELLO, OMAR ERNESTO; DIAZ, NICOLAS ANGEL OR PALMA; EDUARDO JAVIER; COLAVINE, ANGEL OMAR; CANOSA, LUIS MARIA; ARANDA, MARIA ANACARSI; GONZALEZ FERNANDEZ, JUAN CARLOS OR MOYA, SEGUNDO; MUNOZ, JUAN CARLOS; SOSA, DANTE LAURO Y TOLOSA, JORGE OMAR.

2. FEDERAL JUDGE GUILLERMO RIVAROLA HAS ORDERED AUTOPSIES OF THE

DEAD PRISONERS TO DETERMINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THEIR DEATHS.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS: THE FACT THAT PERSONS LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF VILLA DEVOTO PRISON REPORTED HEARING GUNFIRE DURING THE RIOT RAISED SUSPICIOUS HERE THAT SOME PRISONERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN SHOT. THIS HAS BEEN DISCLAIMED BY AUTOPSIES DONE SO FAR, BUT OTHER EXAMINATIONS ARE PENDING. (END COMMENT).

4. REGARDING STATE 067771 WE REMEMBER THAT AN UNATTRIBUTED DOCUMENT APPARENTLY WRITTEN IN THE US LATE LAST YEAR, PROBABLY BY SOME HUMAN RIGHTS INTEREST GROUP, DESCRIBED THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA AND SPOKE AT LENGTH OF SERIOUS TENSIONS WITHIN ARGENTINE PRISONS AFFECTING POLITICAL REPEAT POLITICAL PRISONERS. THIS UNSOURCED REPORT (FOR WHICH WE ARE SEARCHING IN OUR RECORDS) CONTAINED AN INTERESTING DETAILED BREAKDOWN GIVING HIGH/LOW ESTIMATES OF THE CASUALTIES OF ARGENTINE REPRESSION OF SUBVERSION. THIS IS THE ONLY PUBLIC REFERENCE THE EMBASSY IS AWARE OF THAT "ANTICIPATED" PRISON RIOTS IN ARGENTINA. CASTRO

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